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The guild meets each 2nd Thursday at the Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Building at 1291 Conneaut St., B.G., OH Doors open at 6 pm. The Dec. meeting is a brunch, Dec. 12th at the B.G. Country Club.

www.blackswampquilters.org

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December, 2009



Next Meeting: Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Bowling Green Country Club. Holiday brunch and gift exchange. Please note this meeting is on a Saturday, not a Thursday! **Doors open at 9:30 a.m. We will eat promptly at 11 a.m.** If you plan to attend and haven't paid Becky Getz yet, you need to contact her ASAP. Deadline is one week before the brunch for reservations. Brunch is \$10, there is a \$10 gift exchange if you care to participate, and please bring a \$1 bill for another activity. The BG Country Club is located at 923 Fairview Ave. in BG. Phone no. is 419-352-3100. The 2010 BSQG Challenge will be announced at the brunch. Voting for an increase in the annual dues will be held at the brunch. Please know that Marilyn will NOT be accepting dues at the Dec. brunch. A new roster will be created in March for members.

From Shari Wiseman: Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as your president for the last two years. The support and cooperation I've received from the other officers, the board members, and the membership in general, have been fantastic. Getting to know many of you better, as well as making new friends, has been a blessing to me.

I know that I am leaving this position in very capable hands. Sheila has already begun organizing and planning for next year. She is very thorough, and I know she will do a great job as she serves as our next president. Happy Quilting!

January's meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at the Parks and Recreation Building, our usual location. The topic has not been announced.

November's Meeting was a lot of fun, hosted by Jenny Morlock and the 4 H Quilters. Thank you, Jenny and the 4 H!

Retreat 2010—The first payment in January/February for the 2010 Retreat will be \$100 and is billed as an "Early Bird Special". From March on, the cost will be \$135. These are all non-refundable deposits. The Guild needs at least 45 members to pay the deposit to meet the first deposit on the Widewater facility. The balance amount will be the same for all retreat participants. Retreat forms will be available at the January meeting with down payment payable by check or money order. There are 72 projected spaces. Dates for the retreat will be either the third or fourth weekend of October.

Websites recommended at the Nov. meeting by members:

www.quiltville.com Lots and lots of free patterns!

www.bonniehunterquiltmaker.com Lots of free patterns, but I had a little trouble getting to the site. Her patterns are great for scrap quilts. You may have to Google, 'Bonnie Hunter quilt maker' to get to the site if you get the 'this site is closed' message.

www.freemotionquiltingblogspot.com This site has 365 free quilting 'fill' designs! If the url doesn't take you right there, then Google, 'free motion quilting' and it should come up.

From Member Elizabeth Wood: <http://www.quiltindex.org> National online database, gallery, clearinghouse, virtual depository, and preservation/presentation site for all formalized quilt documentation projects. Users may search or browse across a wide range of fields including pattern name, location made, project/collection, religious/cultural/ethnic affiliation, and even fabric type or fabric pattern. Results include a photograph of the quilt, if available, and the information collected by the contributor. The site also features a wiki (a website that allows the easy creation and editing of any number of interlinked Web pages).

Kay Doster has supplied a baked potato bag pattern that was too lengthy for print here. A website link is provided alternatively: <http://tipnut.com/make-your-own-potato-baker-bags/>

7 **donation quilts** were presented by members.
11 visitors attended the meeting; there were no new members.

Jim Opelt of Star Tours is planning a bus trip to Chicago for the IQS (April 16-18, 2010), to include 2 dinners, Ragtime tickets, shopping, breakfast and shuttles. See member Rosanna Williams if interested; she will have a sign up sheet at the BSQG meetings.

The 'Day' Mini Quilt Group will not be meeting in Dec. –Alta Coddling

St. V's group from Cindy Huffman:

The St. Vincent's/charity quilt making group will be meeting in December on Friday the 11th. This is the day before the brunch. We will be meeting at Cindy Huffman's house, near Weston, from 9:30 till 3-ish. I am making soup and sandwiches. Everyone is welcome....it's a great way to meet and get to know other members. If you need directions, please call Cindy for a map. We have batting and donation fabric available, or you can work on your own project.

Tips, Tricks & Misc.

Caramel Popcorn

1 bag hullless popcorn

1 C. Pecans (or peanuts if you prefer)

2 sticks butter

1 C. brown sugar, packed

1/2 C. Karo Syrup

1 tsp. baking soda

Bring the butter, brown sugar and Karo syrup to a boil. Turn off heat and stir in baking soda. It will "foam" .. then pour it over the popcorn and nuts, stirring well.

Spread on two baking sheets covered with foil and bake at 250-degrees for 25 minutes, stirring once. Submitted by Charlene Snyder, requested by retreat attendees

QUILTING TIP

When you complete a set of sampler blocks for a quilt top, lay out different arrangements and take pictures of each. Then after reviewing the pictures on the computer, print the favorite arrangement. Also, test different border fabrics using digital pictures.

Fons and Porter are now offering online videos from their website. For \$20, you can watch a video to learn a new technique from your home. The videos can only be viewed for 2 months and then somehow they are blocked from you being able to access them. I like Fons and Porter, but is it just me or is quilting getting *way* over- merchandised? The ad claims this will save you gas from driving to classes, and thus give you more money to spend on fabric.

Book Review: A Quilter's Academy Volume 1 – Freshman Year by Harriet Hargrave and Carrie Hargrave – A skill building course for beginning quilters. Great reference for quilt teachers to use, as there are 9 skill building classes, instructions for making 11 quilts, plus lots of tips for designing your own quilts. Great for anyone that wants to refresh their skills, too.

Sashiko, also spelled Sachiko, is the very newest trend in quilting. Sylvia Pippen has several books out and great kits and patterns available. Some of her kits have the Sashiko lines pre-printed; all you do is stitch on the lines! Her quilts combine appliquéd Hawaiian flowers and fauna with Japanese Sashiko and embroidery embellishment. I promise you will be craving these designs once the snow flies! Her website is www.sylviapippendesigns.com and her latest book is:

Paradise Stitched- Sashiko and Appliqué Quilts by Sylvia Pippen will show you the techniques to hand stitch six vivid quilts inspired by tropical flora and fauna. Learn to make your quilts sparkle by choosing the right appliqué fabrics that set off your embellishing with hand embroidery and ideas to help you create designs from your own photos. Included are options for both turn-under and fusible appliqué. Babylock has a new machine that sews ONLY a Sashiko stitch!

Fabricate- 17 Innovative Sewing Projects that Make Fabric the Star by Susan Wasinger There are so many beautiful projects in this book! Learn new techniques and create something you'll truly want to wear/use or give as a gift! \$22.95 paperback, 128 pages, interweavestore.com



Holiday Special!

Singer Featherweight - It is approx. 1951 and is in the original carrying case. It has the instruction book and all the original attachments. I purchased a 1/4 in. Big Foot and a package of bobbins. I would like \$325.00 for it. I've owned it for about 5 years and it is in perfect running condition. Contact: Charlene Snyder, csnyder@spartanchemical.com
Also, Charlene's husband is looking for an old sewing machine pedal if anyone has one just laying around!

Super Simple Quilts #4 by Alex Anderson and Liz Aneloski Contains 9 appliqué projects to sew with or without a machine. One supply list equals 9 quilt options—what could be easier! This book offers 3 quilt designs using 3 raw-edge appliqué styles in 3 sizes with 3 binding techniques that are great for quick gifts or donation quilts. See how simple appliqué can be!

Money Saving Ideas-Join the slow revolution. Instead of making fast quilts, concentrate on the process. Take your time and enjoy the journey. We are always rushing to our next event or destination. Will the world fall apart if you don't make 25 or more quilts a year? And this doesn't mean you must hand sew everything. Spend more time designing your quilt. Think about trying a design that's a little more difficult than what you'd usually make. This way you can expand your knowledge or concentrate on improving the quality of your workmanship. Select a larger variety of fabrics; perhaps use 6 toning prints instead of one or two. This means you can use all your small scraps. It also make sit easier to add more fabrics if you run out of any one print. When you quilt, try to experiment with different quilting styles.

Sulky's KK 2000 Temporary Spray Adhesive is safe for the environment and safe for you. The spray is nonflammable, odorless and nontoxic. Comes in smaller cans and the can is recyclable. The concentrated spray provides as much coverage as other larger cans with no wasteful over spraying. \$14.99. Available at local stores.

"Quilt", a play based on the AIDS Memorial Quilt, was performed in Ft Wayne, IN. An attendee wrote to her local paper that she was expecting to hear and see some inspirational stories of people whose lives have been affected by this dreadful virus. But she was appalled at the profanity and graphics that were used in the presentation. She felt it should have been rated "R," in which case she would not have attended. It's sad that profanity and ugliness should be associated with quilts.....-Sheila Painter

Recently reported in the New York Times was the news that fabric is being made using the filaments extracted from the spinnerets of golden orb Madagascar spiders. An eleven foot brocaded textile made of this silk, which cost \$500,000 to make, is on display at the Museum of Natural History. Imagine cutting up that fabric for a quilt!!-Sheila Painter

Thimbles: Earliest known thimble was Roman, found at Pompeii and dated to the first century AD. The word thimble is a derivation of thumb bell, a metal, bell-shaped tool from the 1600's in England, worn on the thumb to protect the needle from slipping. Thimbles are generally worn on the middle finger of the sewing hand. It should fit snugly but not tightly. One way to get used to wearing a thimble is to put it on when you're not quilting and do other hand related tasks such as writing, cutting or fabric folding. -Cont'd next page

A 2nd thimble, a rubber fingerstall, can be used while quilting to help grip the needle as you're pulling the needle through fabric. It can be worn on the thumb or first finger of your sewing hand. Cut 2 small holes in the rubber to reduce perspiration.

A piece of masking tape or a band aid on the tip of the fingers while working on the underside of a quilt also offers protection. *Digitabulists is the name for people that collect thimbles! The term, 'thimble knocking' was created by hookers who would announce their arrival by tapping on a window!*

Napkin Trees-Very pretty napkins that look like a Christmas tree when folded, a serger project that you could adapt for a sewing machine project. Video from Nancy's Notions: <http://www.nancysnotions.com/category/id/101962/102113.do?extid=091114>

Mini Groups:

Daytime – 2nd Monday of the month 10am-3pm

Will not be meeting in Dec. -Contact: Alta Codding

Evening – 4th Monday of the month at the Wood

County Library 6:30-8:15 pm
Contact: Sue Gruber

Fabric Art Group – 3rd Friday of the month

Contact: Mary Lee Grabowski

St. V's Palliative Care Quilt Group

Contact: Joan Edwards

The next St. V's work day will be Friday, Dec. 11., 9:30 AM-3:30PM at Cindy Huffman's home at 19488 Sand Ridge Road, Weston, Ohio.

Additional info on Mini Groups will be provided at the monthly BSQG meetings

2009 Events/LOOKING AHEAD

Gathering of Quilters Meetings held at the **Elks Club**, 3520 Holland-Sylvania Road, Sylvania, OH

Jan. 21, 2010 Charity night: cutting Linus quilts, etc.

March 18, 2010 Linda Poole, Turkish Appliqué & Blended Bias

May 20, 2010 Lenore Crawford, Art Quilts, Voting for Challenge, Installation of new officers For More info:

www.gatheringofquilters.org

IQS April 16-18, 2010 Chicago, IL

26th Annual AQS Quilt Show & Contest, April 21-24, 2010

Paducah, KY 1-800-Paducah or

<http://www.paducah.travel/static/index.cfm?action=group&contentID=2>

Ricky Tims' Super Quilt Seminar April 29-May 1, 2010

NQA, Columbus, OH **June 17-19, 2010**, 9 am to 6 pm.

<http://nqaquilts.org/> or call 614-488-8520 (see add below)



November 12, 2009 – January 17, 2010

Quilt National '09 -Quilt National '09 comes to the Riffe Gallery from the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio. The exhibition is the 16th biennial juried exhibition of innovative art quilts and demonstrates the transformations taking place in the world of quilting. This exhibition is produced and circulated by the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center, Athens, Ohio.

www.riffegallery.org submitted by Carol Ballard

Scientific Study of Quilters

A recent study has indicated that cotton seed oils in quilt fabric give off certain Pheromones that actually hypnotize women and cause them to purchase ungodly amounts of the fiber substance.

When stored in large quantities in enclosed spaces, the Pheromones cause memory loss and induce the nesting syndrome in most cases studied (similar to squirrels before winter, i.e. storing food), therefore perpetuating that fabric species, and preventing a population loss due to their kind being cut up into pieces and mixed with others. Some nesters are suspect to protecting their fabrics viciously. Sound tests have also revealed that these fabrics emit very high-pitched sounds, heard only by a select few breed of women known as 'quilters'. When played backwards on an LP, the sounds are heard as chants, 'buy me, cut me, sew me'! In order to overcome the so-called 'feeding frenzy effect' that these fabrics cause, face masks and ear plugs must be worn when entering a storage facility (including quilt shops) to avoid being pulled into their trance-like grip. Further studies indicate that aliens have inhabited the Earth, helping to spread the effect that these fabrics have on the human population. ***They are known as fabric store clerks.***

It's also common for these Pheromones to cause a pathological need to secretly hide fabrics away when taken to stash areas. When asked by a significant other if the fabric is new, the reply of record is 'I've had it for awhile'! -Revealed by the Greater Houston Guild

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